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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD TO REMOVE AN OXIDE SEAM  
ALONG GATE STACK EDGE, WHEN  
NITRIDE SPACER FORMATION BEGINS  
WITH AN OXIDE LINER  
SURROUNDING GATE STACK

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.  
patent application as follows:

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

**SPECIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ There are no amendments to the specification.  
\_\_\_\_\_ **X** Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a separate  
\_\_\_\_\_ section.